

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 16, 2008. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-45 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1-45 stand rejected by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for the reasons presented below.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-45 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-38 of U.S. Pat. No. 7,186,385. Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested by the Applicants.

Claims 1-45 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 21-32 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,905,541. Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested by the Applicants.

Claims 1-45 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Pat. No. 7,270,709. Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested by the Applicants.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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